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Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1 - 10 and which was mailed on March 21, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 10 - 20 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed thereby.

Please add the following new claim:

21. A thermoplastic polymer fabric comprising:

a plurality of continuous multicomponent filaments having a denier less than about 3 and comprising a first polymeric component and a second polymeric component wherein said second polymeric component comprises a majority of the outer surface of said multicomponent filament;

said first polymeric component comprises a polyolefin having a melt-flow rate of at least 150 g/10 minutes;